



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**



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To: Owners of Public Water Supplies in New Hampshire

Subject: **NEW** - Financial Assistance for MtBE Contamination

**Attention:** *If you are a public water supply (PWS) owner with MtBE-related costs, but are not receiving state assistance, then this information is important to you.*

### MtBE Fund Program

A number of PWS owners are currently receiving financial assistance for MtBE contamination problems from a new program under state statute RSA 146-G - the Gasoline Remediation & Elimination of Ethers (GREE) Fund. State financial assistance is available for a variety of activities if MtBE contamination affects *your* PWS. These activities include:

- Notifying customers when MtBE is detected at concentrations above 5ppb, as required under state statute;
- Quarterly water quality monitoring;
- Investigations to find the MtBE source;
- Temporary corrective action including customer bottled water, customer point-of-entry treatment, or temporary treatment of the PWS; and
- Permanent corrective action including PWS treatment, new supply development, or connection to another unaffected PWS.

In addition, the GREE Fund may be used to pay for a PWS distribution system extension to service owners of contaminated private water supplies.

**NOTE:** *GREE Fund assistance is not a loan. There is no obligation to repay the state.*

### How Does The Program Work?

Department of Environmental Services (DES) staff will review and approve a work scope and budget (SOW) before work is performed. A standard SOW is available for water quality monitoring to expedite approval. PWS owners may submit cost claims for any approved and completed work. Although the GREE Fund is a "reimbursement" program, proof of payment is not required. Reimbursement for invoiced expenses may be paid to a PWS owner, or directly to a contractor or vendor.

### Who Should A PWS Owner Contact To Request Assistance?

- Call David Reid, P.G., at (603) 271-3431. Mr. Reid can provide general and specific GREE Fund program information, or direct you to others at DES.

### Important Related Information

Many public (and private) water supplies statewide have recurring, low-level concentrations of MtBE. DES will initiate a study this year to develop and evaluate alternatives for preventing MtBE contamination impacts to public water supply systems. You may be asked to provide information to assist in the completion of this study.

DES may require that a PWS owner perform a MtBE source investigation or complete corrective action, based on the level of contamination in relation to the state water quality standard - 13ppb. Working with a consultant of your choice, DES will ascertain the need for work, and will provide SOW guidance. *Remember, funding is available to assist you.*

Thank you for your attention to this notice. Please feel free to call DES staff if you have questions.